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Homework

Carolyn Bryant's confession

Read the passage below.



In 1955, Carolyn Bryant testified in court that Emmett Till had insulted her in her store. She said he grabbed her, and spoke to her inappropriately. More than 60 years later, in 2007, Carolyn Bryant recanted, or admitted that what she said was not true.

In some ways, Carolyn changed her story too late. The killers, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Milam, had been dead for years. So does it matter that she finally told the truth?

Emmett Till's cousin, Wheeler Parker, said: "I was hoping that one day she would admit it, so it matters to me that she did, and it gives me some satisfaction."

Patrick Weems works at an Emmett Till museum in Mississippi. He said, "I think until you break the silence, there is still that implied consent to the false narrative set forth in 1955. It matters that she recanted."

Source: "Woman Linked to 1955 Emmett Till Murder Tells Historian Her Claims Were False," *The New York Times*, January 27, 2017.

Clarify the word **recanted**.

Recanted might mean _____

Do you think it matters that Carolyn Bryant finally told the truth? Why or why not? Explain your answer.



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